The Government of Gujarat had requested in September, 2007 for reinstating 155 MW unallocated power to the State. The reasons for reductions in the allocation had been communicated to the State Government. There is no quota earmarked for any State.

Hike in electricity tariffs by NTPC, Kayamkulam

1769. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL:
SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kayamkulam plant of NTPC Ltd. is likely to hike the tariff of electricity it supplies to Kerala and Tamil Nadu;

(b) if so, the present tariff and by how much it is proposed to be increased; and

(c) what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (c) The tariff for all Central Generating Stations including that for the Rajiv Gandhi Combined Cycle Power Project, Kayamkulam of NTPC Ltd., are determined by the Central Electricity Regulatory Commission through a transparent process involving all the stakeholders. The present tariff for this Generating Station is as below:

Fixed charges for 2008-09 at 80% Plant Load Factor	:	79.16 P/kWh
Variable charges	:	307.72 P/kWh
Fuel Price Adjustment	:	266.98 P/kWh

This tariff is due for re-determination with effect from 1.4.2009 and shall be determined by Central Electricity Regulatory Commission.

Shortage of coal

1770. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR:
DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:
Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether acute shortage of coal, that is hampering power generation at several plants of the National Thermal Power Corporation, the country's largest power producer, may force to shut down some units temporarily;

(b) whether NTPC is running hand-to-mouth situation and there is no stock of coal for the last three months;

(c) if so, whether the Kahalgaon, Farakka, Talcher and Singrauli plants are running 20 per cent below capacity; and

(d) if so, the steps Government proposes to take to meet coal shortages so that several power plants are not shut down?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Some of the NTPC's power stations, namely Farakka, Kahalgaon, Talcher (STPS), Sipat & Korba faced coal shortages during the last three months (April - June 2009).

However, power generation has not stopped in these plants due to coal shortage except in one unit of Sipat, which was temporarily shut down for five days in May 2009. Coal stock position of NTPC power stations, as on 14th July 2009, as well as the generation loss reported by NTPC in their thermal power stations during April to June, 2009 are enclosed is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(c) Of the power plants at Kahalgaon, Farakka, Talcher (STPS), Talcher (Old) and Singrauli, only Kahalgaon Power station has reported capacity utilization/Plant Load Factor (PLF) of less than 80%, primarily on account of planned maintenance carried out during the period April - June 2009. However, the power plant has reported loss of generation to the tune of 126 million unit due to coal shortage during the period.

(d) Following steps are being taken to augment coal supply for NTPC stations:

- The coal supply position to thermal power stations is rigorously monitored by Central Electricity Authority (CEA), Ministry of Power as well as an Inter-Ministerial Committee comprising representatives from Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Railways, Ministry of Power and CEA to optimise coal supply to the plants having stock upto 7 days.

- The Infrastructure Constraints Review Committee, headed by Secretary (Co-ordination) in the Cabinet Secretariat, reviews the coal production and supply to thermal power stations in the country every month.

- Fuel Infrastructure Committee, under the Chairmanship of Member (Power), Planning Commission, regularly reviews the status of supply of fuel to power stations in the country.

- In order to bridge the gap between demand and indigenous supply of coal for the current year 2009-10, power utilities have been advised to import 28.7 Million Tonne (MT) coal including import of 12.5 MT by NTPC. They have already imported 3.6 MT coal upto 30th June 2009 against the order placed during 2008-09.

- Towards ensuring long term fuel security, NTPC has entered into captive coal mining and is in the process of developing six coal blocks allocated to it. NTPC is also exploring the possibility of acquiring stakes in the coal mines from abroad for sourcing coal supply for its power plants.

International Coal Venture Pvt. Ltd. (ICVL), a joint venture company amongst NTPC, RINL, SAIL, NMDC and CIL has been formed for securing metallurgical and thermal coal assets from overseas.

Statement

Coal stock position at thermal power stations of NTPC and generation loss due to shortage of coal

Sl.No.	Name of Thermal Power Station	Capacity (MW)	Normative Stock Required (Days)	Daily Linkage in '000 tonne	Actual Stock*		Generation Loss# (In Million Unit)
					In '000 tonne	In Days	
1	Badarpur TPS	705	30	13.4	56	4	
2	Dadri (NCTPP)	840	30	14.5	95	7	
3	Rihand STPS	2000	15	34.5	467	14	
4	Singrauli STPS	2000	15	31	723	23	
5	Tanda TPS	440	25	8.1	172	21	
6	Unchahar TPS	1050	25	19.4	178	9	
7	Korba STPS	2100	15	31	169	5	4.1
8	Sipat STPS	1000	20	15.2	75	5	142.5
9	Vindhyachal STPS	3260	15	50	690	14	-
10	Ramagundem STPS	2600	15	37.9	657	17	-
11	Simhadri	1000	25	18.7	121	6	-
12	Kahalgaon TPS	1840	15	34.7	58	2	126.1
13	Talcher (OLD) TPS	470	15	8.1	140	17	-
14	Talcher STPS	3000	15	58.1	28	0	199.6
15	Farakka STPS	1600	15	33.9	78	2	-

* As on 14th July, 2009

During April to June, 2009

Plan allocation for power

1771. SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total Plan outlay for the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) the proposed plan outlay for the Eleventh Five Year Plan;